

REMARKS

Prior to entry of the present Amendment, Claims 1-58 are pending.

Amendments to the specification:

The amendment to the specification corrects a minor numbering discrepancy in the originally-filed application.

Amendments to the claims:

By the present Amendment, Claims 1-12 and 44-58 are cancelled without prejudice. Claims 13-43 are presented in original form.

The Examiner contends that the application includes claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

1. Embodiment of Figs. 1-11;
2. Embodiment of Fig. 12;
3. Embodiment of Figs. 13-28;
4. Embodiment of Figs. 29-45;
5. Embodiment of Fig. 46;
6. Embodiment of Fig. 47;
7. Embodiment of Fig. 48;
8. Embodiment of Fig. 49;
9. Embodiment of Fig. 50;
10. Embodiment of Fig. 51;
11. Embodiment of Fig. 52;
12. Embodiment of Fig. 53; and
13. Embodiment of Fig. 54.

The Examiner has required Applicants to elect a single species and to provide a listing of all claims readable on the elected species.

Applicants elect, without traverse, Species 4, the embodiment of Figs. 29-45. Applicants hereby identify Claims 13-43 as being readable on the elected Species 4. Applicants reserve the right to later list claims that are readable on the elected species that are subsequently added or

were originally filed. Further, Applicants respectfully submit that at least Claims 13 and 16-24 are generic to Species 1-2 and 4-5.

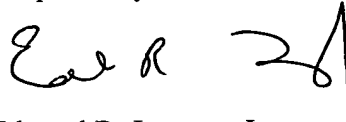
Applicants reserve the right to prosecute any of the non-elected species (Species 1-3 and 5-13, as identified by the Examiner) and other embodiments of the application, and claims which read on those non-elected species and embodiments, in one or more divisional patent applications if the restriction requirement is upheld.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, entry of the present amendment and examination on the merits of Species 4 (Figs. 29-45) and Claims 13-43, which read on the elected Species 4, are respectfully requested.

The undersigned is available for telephone consultation during normal business hours.

Respectfully submitted,

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